

1 **METHOD AND CIRCUIT FOR ALLOWING A MICROPROCESSOR TO**
2 **CHANGE ITS OPERATING FREQUENCY ON-THE-FLY**

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5 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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7 A circuit that permits a processor in a microcontroller to adjust its clock
8 speed on the fly. A processor receives a current clock signal and a phased current
9 clock signal from a speed selection switch. A new speed selection switch provides
10 a new clock signal and a phased new clock signal for comparison with the current
11 clock signals. When the states of the current and new clocks appropriately align
12 after issuance of a control signal from the processor, the new speed is switched
13 into the current speed switch to permit the clock speed to change without
14 producing spurious signals that can cause unpredictable action in the processor.
15 This advantageously allows the microcontroller to adjust its clock speed under
16 program control.

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